(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the persons responsible for such lapse; and

(d) the steps Hospital authorities have taken or proposed to take to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (d) No such complaint has been received by the CGHS, However, we have sought a report from the Department of Indian Systems of Medicines and Homoeopathy on whether they have received any complaints. Their reply is awaited. FInal reply will be sent after receipt of the reply from Deptt. of ISM&H.

Mental Health Hospitals

4083. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States which have at least one mental hospital to cater to the needs of mentally challenged persons in the State;

(b) the number of States which do not have such a hospital; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to set-up at least one mental health hospital in those States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) States which have at least one Government -run mental hospital to cater to the needs of mentally challenged persons are :

Andhra Pradesh, Assam, NCT of Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Remaining States have not set up any mental health hospital so far.

(c) The present policy of the Government is to strengthen the infrastructural facilities and services in the existing mental hospital/ institutions in order to maximize the benefits to the mentally ill persons, rather than create new infrastructure, at this stage. At present there are no. of Mental Health Care institutions in the Public Sector which includes Central Government institutes like NIMHANS, Bangalore and CIP, Ranchi.

The aim of the Government is to undertake early detection of the cases of mental disorder and that them at the community level. Towards this aim, District Mental Health Programme has already been intiated under the National Mental Health Programme and is presently being implemented in 25 districts covering 20 States and Union Territories in the Country.

Manning of Posts of ECG Technician in RML

4084. SHRI ABANI ROY :Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of poste of ECG Technicians including Junior and Senior existing in the RML Hospital and the actual person serving against them;

(b) whether it is a fact that Class IV employees including Nursing attendants have been put on the job of ECG Technicians in the Nursing Home, Emergency an OPD endangering the lives of patients;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to stop this wrong arrangement and put only quqlified persons on such technical jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) The number of sanctioned posts of Senior & Junior ECG Technicians in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital is as under:

Sr. ECG Technician	10
Jr. ECG Technician	04

At Present 10 Senior ECG Technicians and 4 Junior Technicians are working against the sanctioned posts.

(b) to (d) The Nursing Attendants who are trained in performing ECG are deployed to assist the ECG Technicians. Thus there is no chance of endangering the lives of the patients.

New sterilization techniques

4085. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are embarking on a programme to upgrade contraceptive technology including new sterilization techniques: